Pathology lab and X-ray department at R.K. Puram

2075. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the time of construction of the CGHS building the provisions of pathology lab and X-ray department have been provided at CGHS dispensary, Sector-12, RK. Puram, New Delhi since 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be started for the benefit of the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the possibility of future augmentation, subject to availability resources and manpower, a provision has been made on the Ground Floor of the dispensary.

Since a large number of private diagnostic centres have been empanelled under CGHS providing adequate services and facilities to the beneficiaries; starting of laboratory and X-ray facilities at this dispensary is not being proposed, for the present.

Public health institutions

2076. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to establish a strong network of public health and allied institutions across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the projects that are proposed to be executed in the backward Orissa State to strengthen its public health network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to support the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in setting up world class Institutes of Public Health in India. PHFI is a public-private partnership initiative to bridge the gap between the requirement and availability of trained personnel in public health and to effectively promote public health management. It will not train health, but will also assist in strengthening the existing institutions in the public health sector, create a pool of excellent faculty, act as a think tank for providing inputs for policy initiatives and set standards for public health education.

PHFI is an autonomous body and the location where the Institute of Public Health are to be set up as decided by PHFI. As informed by PHFI, it has decided to establish, Institutes of Public Health in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh and Gandhinagar, Gujarat. PHFI is in dialogue with various other State Governments for establishing similar institutes in these States. Presently, there is no proposal for